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Title: Suspension or Revocation of an Air Operator Certificate

Introduction

This OAN is published to highlight the current CAD policy in relation to suspension or revocation of an AOC.

General

Should it become necessary to revoke, suspend or vary a Certificate otherwise than on the application of the holder, notice of this, together with the reason for it, will normally be served on the operator. Exceptionally, a Certificate may be provisionally suspended, without notice, pending due inquiry into the case.

If an operator ceases operation for which the Certificate was issued, or if the Director revokes or suspends the Certificate, it must be returned immediately to the Civil Aviation Directorate.

AOCs may be suspended by the CAD as a result of a request from the operator or because the CAD has determined that the operator is not in a position to comply with the requirements.

Suspension is a temporary measure, however the longer the period of suspension the further removed from a state of compliance the operator becomes and the CAD will need to complete more detailed inspections as a result.

At some point a decision must be made as to whether the operator is taking sufficient action to allow reinstatement of the AOC or whether the AOC should be revoked. It is generally accepted that if the operator is not in a position to resume operations after six months of suspension the CAD will commence action to revoke the AOC.

In this regard the CAD policy is to review the situation after three months of suspension of the AOC and request the operator to produce an action plan showing how, and in what time frame, he expects to resume operations.

The CAD will monitor and assess the progress of this plan. If the operator is not in a position to be compliant and resume operations after six months from suspension date the CAD will commence action to revoke the AOC.

Implications for the EASA Part M Subpart G approval will need to be co-ordinated with the Airworthiness Department.

If the AOC is revoked and the operator wishes to resume operations it will be necessary for him to make an initial application for an AOC and its associated approvals.

This OAN will remain in force until further notice.

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